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17 October 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Proposed Revision of SACEUR ALERT SYSTEMS PLAN (58/60)

1. This afternoon, I conferred with Mr. John W. Clear, Director of Emergency Planning of the Department of Defense, and Colonel W. K. Smith of his staff, who briefed me on the provisions of SACEUR ALERT SYSTEMS PLAN, 58/60 [REDACTED]

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2. This plan is in the process of revision. Forty-six changes have been proposed, 13 of which are modifications of existing provisions and 33 of which are proposed new provisions. Coordination in Europe is being effected by SACEUR through the NATO Council; the Secretary of Defense as the designated Executive Agent of the Government has delegated to Mr. Clear the coordination of the plan at stateside headquarters level among the departments and agencies affected.

3. Colonel Smith pointed out to me twelve different portions of the plan (and modifications thereof, where such have been proposed) which, in his opinion, have special significance to our Agency. It was agreed that he will make the entire plan available to me for study in order that we can make our own independent determination as to whether other portions of it might also affect our interest.

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4. For the purpose of making this determination and formulating recommendations concerning final concurrence in the proposed revision of the plan, I am going to convene a meeting of Agency planners, consisting of the Assistant to the DD/I (Planning), the [REDACTED] DD/P, and the Special Planning Assistant, DD/S, as soon as [REDACTED] clearances have been granted to all parties concerned. I have been assured that this will be done within the next two days. The Secretary of Defense is faced with a deadline of 14 November 1960 in this matter.

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